

## **NEBRASKA TITLE XXI PROGRAM AMENDMENT FACT SHEET**

<b>Name of Plan:</b>	<b>Kids Connection</b>
<b>Date Plan Submitted:</b>	May 13, 1998
<b>Date Plan Approved:</b>	August 7, 1998
<b>Date Plan Effective:</b>	May 1, 1998
<b>Date First Amendment Submitted:</b>	August 1, 1998
<b>Date First Amendment Approved:</b>	October 13, 1998
<b>Date First Amendment Effective:</b>	September 1, 1998
<b>Date Second Amendment Submitted:</b>	June 27, 2002
<b>Date Second Amendment Approved:</b>	September 19, 2002
<b>Date Second Amendment Effective:</b>	August 24, 2001

### **Background**

- On May 13, 1998, Nebraska submitted a Title XXI State Plan, Kids Connection Phase I, to expand Medicaid eligibility for individuals age 15 through 18 to 100 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL).

### **Amendment**

- On August 1, 1998, Nebraska submitted an amendment to implement Phase II of Kids Connection, to expand Medicaid eligibility for children through age 18 up to 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
- Nebraska submitted its second amendment on June 27, 2002. This amendment updates and amends the SCHIP State plan to indicate the State's compliance with the final SCHIP regulations.

### **Children Covered Under the Program**

- The State reported 13,933 children ever enrolled during Fiscal Year 2001.

### **Administration**

- The Title XXI Program is administered by the Nebraska Health and Human Services System.

## **Health Care Delivery System**

- The existing Medicaid delivery system is used to provide services.

## **Benefit Package**

- The Medicaid benefit package is provided.

## **Cost Sharing**

- There are no cost-sharing requirements.

## **Crowd-Out Strategy**

- The State has established a committee that will monitor families who drop private coverage. Should crowd out prove to be an issue, the State will consider appropriate action.

## **Outreach Activities**

- A number of outreach efforts have been developed for Kids Connection which include, but are not limited to the following:
  - using a shortened Medicaid application form
  - allowing mail-in application forms
  - working with advocacy agencies in disseminating information on Medicaid eligibility and the application process to low-income communities
  - using information pamphlets and brochures

## **Financial Information**

Total FFY '02 SCHIP Allotment: \$14,161,451  
FFY '02 Enhanced Federal Matching Rate: 71.69%

State Share:	\$4,420,607
Federal Share:	\$11,194,394
Total:	\$15,615,000

FFY '03 Enhanced Federal Matching Rate: 71.66%

State Share:	\$4,816,100
Federal Share:	\$12,177,900
Total:	\$16,994,000

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